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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/15813, and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 98/15813. The Official Office Action stated that the WO 98/15183 reference teaches the measurement of the property of permeability and the Official Office Action concludes that this reads on applicants' claimed determining "chemisorption, physisorb properties, adsorption... etc."

The present amendments delete all rejected subject matter. Therefore, applicants request that the final rejections promulgated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn. Since no rejected material remains in the claims, and all rejections were to be put forth in previous Official Office Actions, this application is now believed to be in a condition for an allowance of all pending claims, as amended, and such action is respectfully requested.

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